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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

1. ACCORDING TO ACCOUNTS IN THE "HINDUSTAN TIMES" AND THE "INDIAN EXPRESS," AN INDIAN VESSEL ARRIVED IN THE PORT OF MADRAS JULY 19 WITH 91 VIETNAMESE RESCUED FROM A SINKING SMALL BOAT IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA TEN DAYS EARLIER. INDIAN AUTHORITIES REPORTEDLY HAVE NOT PERMITTED THE REFUGEES TO DISEMBARK IN THE ABSENCE OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND THE CASE HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND THE HOME MINISTRY IN NEW DELHI.

2. THE REFUGEES ARE ABOARD A SHIPPING CORPORATION OF INDIA CARGO SHIP, THE LAXMI." THE VIETNAMESE, CONSISTING OF 55 MEN, 36 WOMEN AND 17 CHILDREN LED BY A CATHOLIC PRIEST REPORTEDLY FLED VIETNAM JUNE 28 FOR HONG KONG AND WERE IN A STATE OF EXHAUSTION AND HUNGER WHEN RESCUED BY THE LAXMI. THE LAXMI ATTEMPTED TO LAND THE REFUGEES AT SINGAPORE BUT WAS REFUSED PERMISSION AND SO BROUGHT THEM TO MADRAS. SINCE THE LAXMI IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE PORT JULY 22 UNDER CHARTER,
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THE SHIP'S AGENTS ARE REPORTEDLY NEGOTIATING WITH TAMIL NADU STATE HOME MINISTRY OFFICIALS TO LAND THE REFUGEES TO BE HELD IN CUSTODY UNTIL THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT MAKES A DECISION ON THEIR FUTURE.
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